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ABSTRACT

This short booklet describes Montessori elementary education methods, materials, and environments. The booklet discusses 6-year-olds as inquisitive individuals seeking to make sense of their existence and experiences. It also presents a cosmic educational perspective which emphasizes a global world view. Storytelling is discussed as a way to stimulate the imagination and provide holistic lessons. The environment of the Montessori classroom is explored, and its relationship to structuring child behavior and attitudes. Outdoor activities are also discussed, as are integrated art, music, and physical education. The booklet also provides information on multi-age grouping and the teacher's role as a classroom guide. A final section discusses the effects of Montessori elementary education on children's transition to more traditional school systems. (JW)

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